

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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Memo From The President:

As the holidays descend upon us, it is time to reflect back on the activities of the unit this year. With the successful transitions of three bridge clubs, The Bridge Academy, the Durham-Chapel Hill Bridge Club and the Triangle Bridge LLC, our unit has an almost unlimited access to more bridge games, more learning experiences and more chances to win points. Yeah! Our membership has surged past the 600 mark, a new first. As we continue to grow we need to give a special nod to all those volunteers who continue to give unselfishly of their time. I want to first thank all my fellow board members for their efforts this year and whose judgement I continually value as you lead the unit into 2016. A warm thanks to our Mentor/Mentor chairs, **Linda Harris** and **Sharon Crane**, for coordinating and matching Mentors and Mentees. To **Barbara Martin** for her dedication to keeping our unit informed through the Alert. Kudos to you! To **Ed Fuller** whose grasp of all things internet keep me in awe. Our Gala Chairs, **Kay Richardson** and **Linda Harris**, who know how to throw a party. Our Youth Bridge Chair, **Maggie Lindquist**, who gives her time and energy to teach the our wonderful game to the next generation. To all the chairs of our tournaments and our hospitality teams, thank you, thank you and thank you! Our outgoing board members, **Maggie Lindquist**, **Paul Kobrin**, and **Randy Joyce**, the unit is indebted to you for your dedication and service. Finally, to our members for your invaluable contributions, we thank you for your support.



I for one feel a special privilege to belong to Unit 191 and want to wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Happy Bridging!

Jim Bean
Unit 191 President

Editor's note: And a huge thank you to **Jim** who has served as President of our unit for two years; chaired the Carolina Dreamin' Tournament in March; and was Co-Hospitality chairperson for the FLM Tournament.

Unit 191 Volunteer of the Year



Our unit has many persons who would qualify for the unit's volunteer of the year, but this year I would like to recognize

Ed Fuller

for his work and dedication to our website, our email blasts and now for the first time the ability of the unit to vote electronically. Thank you Ed for bringing us out of the stone age and the many man hours you have dedicated to keeping us digitally abreast! You rock!

BE-4-YA

by Maggie Lindquist

What in the world is BE-4-YA, you may ask. This acronym stands for Bridge Education for Youth Association. For a number of years, Unit 191 has sponsored a Youth Bridge Camp in the first part of the summer to foster bridge education for the younger generation – the future of this great game we love. The cost to an attendee is a modest \$75 per week, which covers lunch, snacks, sports equipment for breaks, handouts, lessons, and rent for the camp facilities. Our teaching staff and helpers are all strictly volunteers; no one is paid. The Unit has underwritten the Youth Bridge program by paying for advertising, subsidizing food and snack expenses, and any costs for the youth not covered by the registration fees. While not operating totally on a shoestring, we have been close to doing so in our efforts to make bridge camp more affordable for parents with many options for summer youth programs. We would like to be able to spend more on promoting Youth Bridge Camp. We would like to offer scholarships to families who may not be able to afford to send their children to bridge camp. We would like to introduce a bridge program into the school system. All these efforts require extra revenue.

Accordingly, we have incorporated our Youth Bridge program as the not-for-profit organization, BE-4-YA. By doing so, anyone, regardless of whether they are a bridge player or an ACBL member, can be a member of BE-4-YA. Members support the Youth Bridge program in our area as volunteers – no one is paid – promoting and participating in Youth Bridge Camp, and by a small annual membership fee of \$18. We have been granted status as a tax exempt organization from the state of North Carolina, and await a determination from the IRS. If granted, BE-4-YA can receive tax-exempt donations. ACBL allows a certain number of Charity Games each year. Half of these games can support local charities, from which \$1 per each person playing in these games is given to the charity. Chris Moll and Triangle Bridge LLC have pledged a reasonable percentage of the local charity games at Triangle Bridge to BE-4-YA. We can also receive individual donations and hope many of you will support our youth bridge association BE-4-YA. If you are interested in doing so, please make your check payable to Bridge Education for Youth Association (or BE4YA), and send it to **Maggie Lindquist**, 113 Weaver Mine Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Thank you!



Youth Bridge Camp in 2014

For more information on the Unit 191 Youth Bridge Program, for articles in the Bright Leaf Alert on our Youth Bridge Camps, and for articles and videos about the benefits of Youth Bridge, see:

**[http://
www.unit191bridge.org/
youthbridgeprograms.htm](http://www.unit191bridge.org/youthbridgeprograms.htm)**

FLM TOURNAMENT

Thanks to everyone who supported the Unit 191 Future Life Master Tournament which took place **November 13-15**. The tournament was a success providing many opportunities for players to add to their cache of silver points and advance them closer to the Life Master status.

Particular thanks to our Hospitality team, **Betsy Mebane** and **Jim Bean**. Not only did they organize the hospitality and spend many hours at the event, but both of them spent many hours behind the scenes cooking many delectable goodies. Betsy's quiche and meatballs were big hits as were Jim's cookies and cupcakes. Many others also contributed food, time or money which enabled us to provide good food and drink for tournament players and for participants in the simultaneous North American Pairs game. Many compliments were received regarding the quality of the food and the service.

Thanks also to **Nancy Crow** and **Phylliss Woody** who, as Partnership chairs, helped match players to partners for all sessions of the tournament. In particular, Phylliss also served as standby partner and played in this capacity in all sessions. Thank you Phylliss.

Special thanks go to **Linda Harris** and **Diane Saulsberry** for being there throughout most of the tournament and pitching in wherever they were needed to help the tournament go smoothly.

Lastly, thanks to **Darleen**, who, as Director, made a hard job look easy and approached all situations with calmness and good humor.

Joyce Jenzano and Melanie Riva, Co-Chairs

P.S. And a special thanks to Joyce and Melanie who organized the tournament and were there to make sure the tournament ran smoothly.

2015 Bright Leaf Unit Champions

Nancy Young and Donna Walther are the 2015 Bright Leaf Unit Champions with a 65.58% game at the Durham-Chapel Hill Bridge Club on the last day of the event. The event ran throughout the week of November 16 – 20, 2015 with games at Triangle Bridge, The Bridge Academy, Roxboro Bridge Club, Durham Bridge Club, Tar Heel Bridge Club and Durham-Chapel Hill Bridge Club. The pair with the highest percentage game at any of nine games during the week were the Bright Leaf Unit 191 Champions for 2015. As Bright Leaf Champions, Nancy and Donna win a dinner at Southern Season's Weathervane Restaurant in Chapel Hill. Other pairs placing in the event were:

2nd place (2 free plays at a 2016 Unit 191 Sectional)

Phyllis Tuck & Lela Currier with 64.07% at Roxboro Bridge Club;

3rd place (2 free plays at a 2016 Unit 191 Sectional)

Dianne Hale & David Streifford with 64.05% at The Bridge Academy

4th place (2 free plays at a Unit 191 club)

Jackie Marks & Joyce Jenzano with 64.05% at Durham-Chapel Hill Bridge Club;

5th place (2 free plays at a Unit 191 club)

Howard Su & Mort Stromberg with 63.02% at Durham Bridge Club;

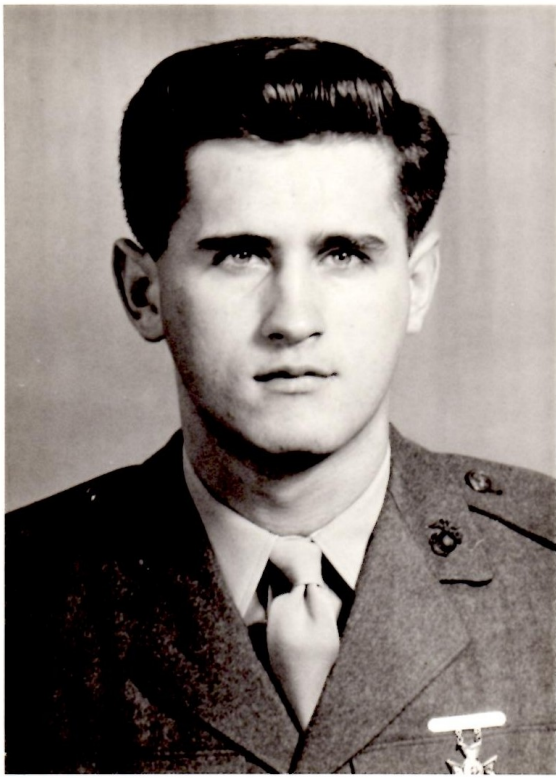
6th place (1 free play at a Unit 191 club)

Claire Sobel & Ed Fuller with 61.96% at The Bridge Academy;

7th place (1 free plays at a Unit 191 club)

Sue Tripp & Polly Arnold with 61.46% at Durham Bridge Club

IDENTIFY THESE VETERANS



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The Durham-Chapel Hill Bridge Club, managed by Paul and Ruthann Schwenke, honored all veterans in a special game on November 13. Veterans played for free that day and there was also a special fundraiser for Maple Court, a home for veterans who are being helped to make a transition into the community.

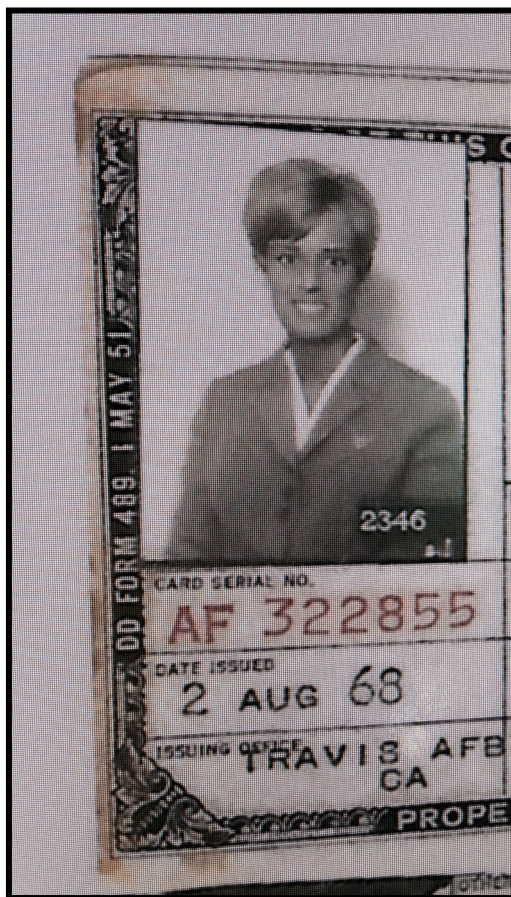
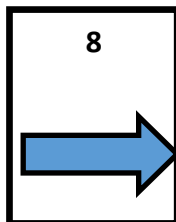
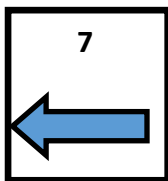
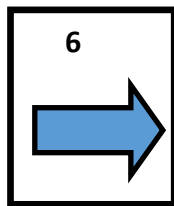
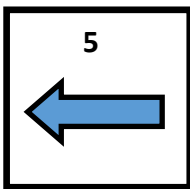
Paul is having a contest! There will be a free play given to the person correctly identifying these veterans in uniform on this page and the next. Send your answers to Paul by December 15. There will be a drawing for the winner if more than one correct answer is submitted.



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Paul and Ruthann Schwenke, and Robin Marin delivered lots of good men's clothing to Maple Court and a check for \$400. The money was used to purchase 5 new chairs to be used in the computer training room plus additional funds for Thanksgiving dinners.

The Bridge Academy and Durham-Chapel Hill Bridge Club held special games the week of Nov. 9-13 and \$1 was contributed for each person who played.





These veterans were honored at the special game held on November 13 at the Durham-Chapel Hill Bridge Club. L to R—**Allen Carlson, Jack Heslip, Paul Schwenke, Phil Erlenbach, Clay Hamner, Bill McCartney, Dave Schreiber, Nick Keehler.** Thank you—thank you—thank you for your service to our country!!



**THE BEST TO
EACH OF
YOU THIS
HOLIDAY
SEASON!**

**THE ALERT
STAFF**

**BARBARA MAR-
TIN**

RANDY JOYCE

LIZ MCGUFFEY

**DAVE STREIF-
FORD**



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TRIANGLE BRIDGE

Hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving with family & friends. We wish to celebrate with you at our annual holiday parties on:

Tuesday, December 8th at noon and 6:30pm
Friday, December 11th afternoon (Tarheel Bridge Club)

There will be prizes, awards and gifts. Please feel free to bring a favorite dish to share. These are unit games so please come join us for some fun and bridge. Due to our prior commitments, December 8th is the only day available when Chris and I can attend – thank you for your understanding.

“Play & Review” games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We play 18 boards (hand records available) and after several boards, we stop and review the bidding and play of interesting boards that could provide valuable lessons in either bidding and/or card play. **Darleen, Jeff, Maggie and Tammy** are all qualified and experienced in this format for learning bridge. Please consider joining us. For additional information, please contact Tammy at tammy26bridge@aol.com

Jeff’s supervised teaching games for 0-5 is on Wednesday mornings from 10:30am – 12:30pm. There is a 10-minute mini-lesson before the game. This is an excellent setting for experiencing duplicate while learning the bidding and play in a friendly environment with other newcomers. There is also a free lesson at 9:30am on Saturday, December 5th followed by a Play & Discuss at 10:00am. Please contact **Jeff Boak** jeff.boak@gmail.com or 919-423-7107.

Valerie’s Two over One Game Force class starts January 8th and runs 9 weeks and will be held on Friday mornings from 9:30 to noon. \$125. Please register in advance with **Valerie Roberts** at 919-294-4138 or vjroberts3@gmail.com

As promised, **Chris Moll** is starting a series of classes beginning on January 26th, 2016 to be held on Tuesday mornings from 10 – 11:30am. The first class will be “Play of the Cards” (1/26, 2/2, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/8) and the first two lessons will focus on Declarer Play and the next two lessons will concentrate on Defensive Play of the cards and the fifth lesson will be a General Review and Concepts. 5 lessons \$99.00. Pre-registration requested as minimum of 8 required and class will be limited to 24 people. If you do not wish to attend all 5 lessons, you may drop in for \$25/session. Please make checks payable to Triangle Bridge and there will be an envelope at the director’s station. This class is not designed for players who are new to bridge. For questions or additional information, please contact Tammy at tammy26bridge@aol.com or 504-452-0220.

We’d like to recognize our local area North American Pairs winners headed to the Spring Nationals in March 2016. We wish them all luck in representing District 7 in Reno.

Flight C :	1 st Place	Ben Kompa
Flight B:	1 st Place	Vladimir & Tatyana Stemkovski
	2 nd Place	Peggy Haigler & Tom Roberg
	3 rd Place	Jui Wang
Flight A:	1 st Place	Kay Joyce
	2 nd Place	Wayne Stuart & Chris Moll

Please note: The score correction period expires 12 hours after the game has been posted on line.

A 0-300 game on Thursday afternoons at 12:30pm beginning January 21st, 2016

December 2015

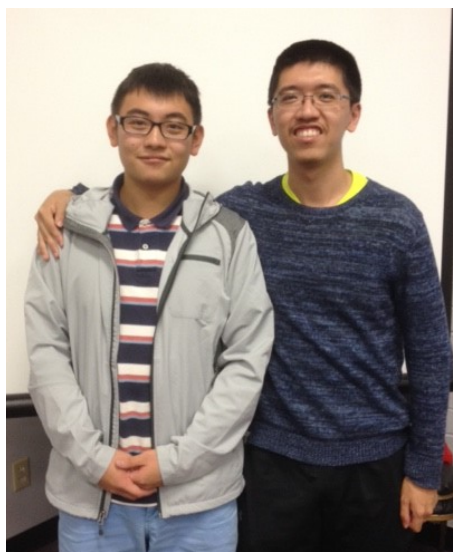
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STAC - Open Only			1	2	3	4	5
Membership			Open & 0-500	Morning	After- noon	Open & 0-50	Morning
GNT Swiss			Play & Re- view	Evening	After- noon Play&review/ EasyBridge		
Unit Game							
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Unit Holi- day Gala	Open & 0-50 Evening	Open & 0-500 Play & Re- view	Morning After- noon Evening	After- noon Play&review/ EasyBridge	Open & 0-50	Morning
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Open & 0-50 Swiss	Open & 0-500 & Men- tor / Mentee Play & Re- view	Morning After- noon Swiss	After- noon No Game	Open & 0-50	Morning
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	8 is Enough 2:00pm	Open & 0-50 Evening	Open & 0-500 Play & Re- view	Morning After- noon Evening	Open game at 10:00am No Game	<i>Have a Merry Christ- mas</i>	Morning
	27	28	29	30	31		
		Open & 0-50 Swiss	Open & 0-500 Play & Re- view	Morning After- noon Evening	Open game at 10:00am No Game		

Mornings start at 9:30am

Afternoons: Mon., Tues. and Thurs. start at 12:30pm

Wed. starts at 1:00pm and Friday start is 1:15pm

Evenings start at 7:00pm



Future Life Master Tournament

There were over 100 tables of players in the tournament held Nov. 14-16.

Below: **Joyce Jenzano**, Chairperson of the tournament—and **Diane Saulsberry** work in the kitchen .



OVERALL WINNERS

Top—Friday PM—**Judy Cosler and Linda Brezin**

Middle—Sat. PM—**Yunhan Wu and Zimeng Xie**

Swiss—**Jim Wells, Janet Strobe, David Hamill and Ingrid Parish**

THE BRIDGE ACADEMY

The Bridge Academy will be hosting three very exciting events in the month of January!

On January 16-17, The Bridge Academy is hosting a 0-500 Sectional. This is the perfect time for those seeking silver points to start out the new year on the right foot. The flyer is on page.

On Tuesday, January 19, **Audrey Grant** will be giving a workshop on "The Playing Power of 2 Suited Hands and Its Impact on Hand Evaluation". See the flyer on page 11 for all information. This is the first time Audrey Grant has been in the Triangle area and this is a great opportunity to participate in her workshop and meet this very well known bridge teacher.

On Monday and Tuesday, January 18 and 19, there will be a **Better Bridge Teacher Accreditation**, an ACBL endorsed program held at The Bridge Academy. See Page 13 for those details.

Please join us at The Bridge Academy for our holiday party on Monday, December 14. There will be games, prizes, great food and good bridge. Also, come on Thursdays for a Barometer Game—play and discuss boards. A great way to see what you have done right

😊 or wrong 😞 .



The Bridge Academy

2015

Have fun, Play better

Holiday Party & Game

Monday, December 14
12:00 pm

More Master points

Lunch

Fun Games

Door Prizes



Want to Improve Your Game?

NEW

Join The Bridge Academy
Barometer Game
Thursdays at 1:15
Play & Discuss 14-16 Boards

Learn how to
Recognize and correct mistakes
Improve your bidding, declarer play, and defense
Improve your partnership agreements

Henry Meguid
ACBL Accredited & ABTA Master Teacher



AUDREY GRANT

A Festival with Audrey Grant

**"The Playing Power of 2 Suited Hands
and Its Impact on Hand Valuation"**

**The Bridge Academy
2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.
Durham, NC 27707**

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

10:00 am - Noon Workshop Part 1

Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Workshop Part 2

**Festival Fee: \$95 per person
includes lunch, refreshments and Comprehensive
Participant Package**

To register or for further information contact:

Henry Meguid - The Bridge Academy

Henry@bridgeacademync.com

919-724-6239

www.bridgeacademync.com

Space is Limited

The Bridge Academy



Have fun, Play better

2016 New Year's Bridge Extravaganza!

0-500 Non-Life MASTER Sectional

January 16-17, 2016

**2634 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd
Durham, NC 27707**

Saturday, January 16

10:00 am Stratified NLM Pairs
10:00 am Stratified 0-50 Pairs

2:30 pm Mini-lesson

3:00 pm Stratified NLM Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified 0-50 Pairs

Sunday, January 17

10:00 am Stratified Swiss Teams
Play through with lunch included

Tournament Chair

Henry Meguid – (919) 724-6239
henry@bridgeacademync.com

Partnership Co-Chairs

Phylliss Woody – (919) 612-7711
pwoody@unc.edu
Nancy Crow – (919) 933-4884
nancykcrow@gmail.com

Directions: The Bridge Academy is located in The M&F Bank Corporate Center Building. For a map and directions, go to www.bridgeacademync.com

Nearby Lodging: La Quinta Inn & Suites
4414 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham, NC 27707
(919) 401-9660


**NLM
STRATIFICATION**
0-100; 100-300; 300-500

0-50 Pairs
0-10; 10-20; 20-50



American Contract
Bridge League

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~ An ACBL  Endorsed Program ~



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, January 18
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LATEST TEACHING METHODOLOGY

- STEAM! A focus on five essentials for professionally delivered bridge lessons
- The Cards-on-the-Table method

NEW PRACTICAL TEACHING TOOLS

- Bridge for the absolute beginner and players with a wide range of experience & skill
- Class management techniques
- Marketing tips
- Professional development resources

Tuesday, January 19
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

A CLASS IN ACTION

- Attend "A Festival with Audrey Grant" at The Bridge Academy
- Moving forward!

YOU'LL RECEIVE:

- Teachers' Guide
- Sample Lesson Plans
- Materials:
 - Bridge Basics 1: An Introduction
 - Coded Cards for Bridge Basics 1
 - Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding
 - Comprehensive Participant Package
 - Bridge At A Glance Booklet
 - Better Bridge Magazine
 - NEW! 30 day complimentary subscription to Audrey Grant's Online Interactive Daily Bridge Column

FEE: \$125

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED by January 10 to:

Denise Hoffman, Program Director, Audrey Grant's Better Bridge Teacher Accreditation
<mailto:denisehoffmanemail@gmail.com>
(919) 265-3869 for more information

Become a Better Bridge Teacher!

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL BRIDGE CLUB

First, DCBC will be changing the starting time of its Friday game from **1:00 PM to 12:30 PM** beginning Friday, December 4th.

December 4 —Local Charity Game in support of the Chapel Hill IFC Holiday Meal Program

December 11—Unit Championship Game



December 18—STAC game and our Annual Holiday Party

December 25—No Game

January 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR and we will be having a regular pairs game

Paul and Ruthann Schwenke

TRIANGLE BRIDGE CLUB

**WILL BE HAVING THEIR EIGHT-IS-ENOUGH
GAME ON DECEMBER 20,
CALL DARLEEN IF YOU NEED PARTNERS OR
WISH TO BE ADDED TO A TEAM**

Membership Report

Submitted by Linda Harris

During the month of October the following occurred:

Total Membership for October 2015 601

New

Transfer In

Transfer Out 1

Deceased

Snowbird In

Snowbird Out 1

Future Life Masters inactive 5

Future Life Masters reinstated 1

Life Masters Unpaid 1

Life Masters reinstated 1

Advancing in rank (11) during the month of October were:

RANKS October 2015

Junior Master	Patty Campbell
	Susan Hubbard
	Michael Lazarus
	Nancy Osborne
	Samuel Osborne
Club Master	Paul D'Angelo
	Gail King
	Gayle Streifford
Sectional Master	Christine Chai
Gold Master	Joanna Pagano
	Jack Whetstone

Congratulations one and all